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(2) The scheme should be extended to the districts which have not so far been covered by the Community Development Programme."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Sir in the matter of implementing the Community Development Programme in South Arcot district, may I know why it was not commenced from the most backward area, namely, Gingee and Tindivanam? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, I have already explained why Chidambaram taluk was preferred to other areas. As I have said only such areas are selected as have an assured rainfall or additional irrigation facilities, so that the extra effort put forth will result in extra food production."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Sir, if rainfall is the real reason for selection of Chidambaram taluk, and it is considered to be as fertile as any part in Tanjore district—and in view of the fact that there have been rains in abundance by the grace of God in all places in the State, may I know why the scheme was not extended to Gingee, a backward area? I request the Hon. Minister may please give me more particulars about this matter."

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, as I have already explained, the primary objective behind Community Project Programme is to step up food production and from that point of view Chidambaram taluk has been preferred to Gingee, as Chidambaram is an area where we could secure quicker and substantial results in the matter of food production."

Retrenchment in staff in the Secretariat.

* 154 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state the number of clerks and officers in the Secretariat who were retrenched due to the formation of the Andhra State?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The number of officers and clerks affected or retrenched due to the formation of the Andhra State and the reorganization of the Secretariat were—

(1) Assistant Secretaries	... ...	4
(2) Superintendents	... ...	10
(3) Clerks	Regularly appointed.	Nil.
	Emergency candidates.	75
(4) Typist and steno-typists.	Regularly appointed.	Nil.
	Emergency candidates.	58

One of the Assistant Secretaries has since been appointed as Assistant Superintendent of Stamps and another will get his

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officiating chance from 1st December 1953. The other two who were only probationers will be promoted as and when vacancies arise in their departments. Seven of the reverted Superintendents have since been promoted in subsequent vacancies and the rest who were only probationers will also be promoted in course of time. Almost all the emergency clerks and typists and steno-typists have since been absorbed."

* 155 *Q.*—Sri K. ARANGANATHAN :—" Sir, in view of the fact that I am not allowed to put supplementary questions, I do not want to put the questions standing in my name."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" Is the hon. Member not putting all the questions standing in his name?"

Sri V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Sir, I am the Deputy Leader of the Party to which the hon. Member belongs. I request that his questions may be taken up to-morrow."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" I cannot allow the hon. Member to put these questions to-morrow."

Question No. 156—The hon. Member Sri K. P. Gopalan may put his question.

Construction of Mathamangalam-Mathil road in Payyannur firka.

* 156 *Q.*—Sri K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state when the construction of Mathamangalam-Mathil road in Payyannur firka, North Malabar, will be completed and at what stage the construction of the road stands now?

The Hon. Sri K. RAJARAM :—" The road referred to is presumably the road from M. 4/6 (near Mathil) of Payyannur-Peringom road to Eramam-Mathamangalam. The work was completed except for the construction of two culverts and some minor works relating to Ferul bridge, which are pending execution by the district board for want of funds."

Introduction of the modified scheme of Elementary education in the Government Fisheries Elementary Schools.

* 157 *Q.*—Sri M. NARAYANA NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the modified scheme of Elementary education has not been introduced in the Government Fisheries Elementary Schools in the State; and

(*b*) if so, why?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) It is proposed to introduce in all the fisheries elementary schools a revised syllabus of education according to which all